

REMARKS

The above amendments are supplemental to the amendments presented in the Reply dated March 31, 2005, in response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005.

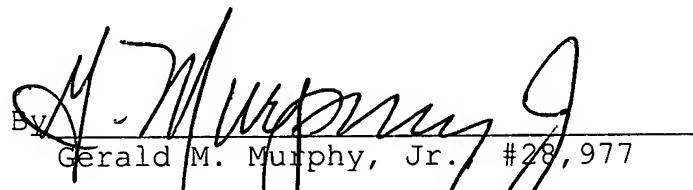
Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to change the dependencies thereof in order to avoid duplicate claims. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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